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A large and varied assortment of

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All our large stock of MEN'S and BOYS'

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Moles, Moles, Moles, 6s 6d

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Trousers and Vests, half price

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Burnes, W., Blacksmith and Farrier, do.  
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Corse, Dr James, Surgeon, do.  
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Dugg, R. E., Clutha Hotel, do.

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Goodger, G. W., Junction Commercial Hotel,  
Melmore-street.

Lindsay, E., Blacksmith, Melmore-street  
Scott, J., Baker, do.  
Marsh, John, Bridge Hotel, do.

Kidd, Robert, Cromwell Hotel, do.  
Manders, H., Agent, do.  
Whetter, W. H., Bootmaker, do.  
Kelly, John M., Cordial Manufacturer,  
Melmore-street.

Pierce, O., Smithfield Butchery, Melmore-st.  
Shanly, W., & Co., General Merchants, do.  
Smitham, William, Kawarau Hotel, do.  
Hallenstein, I., & Co., Merchants, do.  
Weaver, David, General Merchant, do.  
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Hallenstein, I., & Co., Drapers and Clothiers

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Fitch, Allen, Draper and Outfitter  
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Marshall, M., Chemist and Druggist

Cox, John, Port Philip Hotel  
Hazlett, James, General Merchant

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Jack, Alexander, Criterion Hotel  
Mason, J. H., Royal Mail Hotel.

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Mercur, Francis, Temperance Restaurant

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McPherson, H., Wakefield Ferry and Hotel,  
Rocky Point

Perriman, John, Welcome Home Hotel and  
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Rocky Point Ferry: John McCormick

Smith and O'Donnell, Old Bendigo Hotel  
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Richards, J., Bannockburn Hotel and Store  
Stuart, James, Ferry Hotel.

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Korll, C., Nevis Crossing Hotel and Store  
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Butler's Accommodation Paddock  
Pritchard, R., General Merchant

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**DUNEDIN.**

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Sinclair, W., Tailor and Clothier  
Skirving and Scholefield, Advertising and  
Commission Agents

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Tosfeld, Frederick, Watchmaker & Jeweller

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Wilson, W., Engineer, Boilermaker, &c.  
Winstanley, Thomas, Scandinavian Hotel

Wheeler, R. T., Advertising and General  
Commission Agent

York Hotel: Alex. Mee.

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About three miles from Cromwell, on the road  
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Every accommodation for Travellers.

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The large and well-furnished PUNT in con-  
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PLETED, the undersigned has great pleasure  
in informing the public that he is in a position  
to cross the heaviest Six-horse Waggons, and  
Vehicles of all descriptions, at VERY MODERATE  
RATES.

Persons visiting Bendigo Gully on horseback  
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ROCKY POINT.**

On the main road to Bendigo.

The best quality of Wines, Spirits, and Beers  
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A Five-stalled Stable,  
Good accommodation for travellers,  
District Post Office.\*\*

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The Punt and Boats are worked by careful  
and experienced boatmen, and the heaviest  
waggons can be crossed at any time with perfect  
safety.

HUGH MC-PHERSON,  
Proprietor.

**MITCHINSON & HARRISON,**

Wholesale and Retail

**STOREKEEPERS,**

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MER-  
CHANTS,

(Near Cromwell Quartz Co.'s Machine),

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**GOODS DELIVERED**

At all parts of the Reefs.

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Logantown.**

JAMES BEARE ..... PROPRIETOR.

The above house is the largest and most com-  
fortable in the district.

**GOOD STABLING,**

GENERAL STORE attached to the Hotel,  
with a large and varied stock of Groceries and  
other goods.

CROMWELL PRICES.

**MERCER'S  
TEMPERANCE RESTAURANT,**

LOGANTOWN,

**BENDIGO REEFS,**

The only establishment on Bendigo where  
Travellers can depend on getting MEALS AT ALL  
HOURS, in quietness and comfort.

The house is conducted strictly on TEMPERANCE  
PRINCIPLES.

The Restaurant is under the immediate man-  
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assured that every attention will be paid to  
their wants.

In order to keep pace with the increasing re-  
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about to make extensive improvements on the  
premises, and will shortly be in a position to  
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Boarders and Travellers.

Charges very moderate.

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Proprietor.

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accommodation, and may obtain every informa-  
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BENDIGO GULLY.****J. STEVENSON**

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**BREAD OF THE BEST QUALITY,**

At their own residences, Daily.

**FOUR-POUND LOAF, ONE SHILLING,**

A choice assortment of BISCUITS and CONFED-

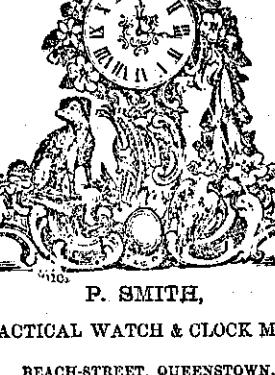
TIONERY always kept in stock.

**Queenstown****DOHEY'S UNION HOTEL,****CORNER OF**

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houses in Queenstown, and is celebrated for the  
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**Good STABLING.****P. SMITH,****PRACTICAL WATCH & CLOCK MAKER,**

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Wakatip district. The best accommodation for  
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**FIRST-CLASS STABLING.**

The only paddock accommodation in the district.

\*\* The Pioneer of Sixpenny Drinks.

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Private Rooms for Families.

SAMPLE ROOMS FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

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accommodating twenty horses, has recently  
been completed, and has been pronounced by all  
who have visited the district as second to none  
in Dunedin. An experienced groom in attendance.

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Queenstown, Lake Wakatip.

A large stock of Groceries and other goods  
always on hand. Importer of English and Colonial  
Newspapers. Orders punctually attended to,  
and newspapers forwarded to any part of the  
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Agent for the CROMWELL ARGUS.

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MONIUM, in Walnut Case.

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Nevis.

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## Provincial and General.

At Campbell's Creek, Victoria, the 4lb. loaf is being sold for fourpence.

Mr W. A. Hunt, of Thames goldfield celebrity, has left Auckland for England, where he purposed to remain.

Hawke's Bay has shipped direct to London 300000 lbs of wool and flax to the amount of £104,000. This is in addition to large quantities of produce shipped coastwise.

The *Oamaru Times* states that a long stream of mutton-birds, comprising many thousands, was seen travelling southwards on Saturday.

The steamers Airedale and Wellington have lately made pleasure trips from Wellington to Lyttelton and back, each with nearly 200 excursionists on board.

The price of flour at the Wangapeka diggings, Nelson, is £33 per ton. The rate charged for the carriage of goods for the last twelve miles of the journey from Nelson is £1 per ton per mile.

A post mortem examination has been held on the body of a Mr Horn, who died lately at Napier, when it was found that he had at one time swallowed a small piece of wire resembling a common pin, round which an abscess had gradually formed, until it terminated in death.

The Hobart Town *Mercury* notices the arrival of the brig Sarah, from Greytown. She took with her as ballast 50 tons of the Grey River coal, the first imported from New Zealand to Hobart Town.

A flaxmill is being erected in the Mataura river, at Menzies' Ford, upon two pontoons moored in the stream. The chief advantage claimed for this idea is that the mill can be floated up or down the river to the flax growing upon its banks, thus saving the expense of the cartage of the raw material.

One of the largest scores at rifle-shooting ever made in New Zealand at 400, 500, and 600 yards, five shots at each range, has been made at Nelson by a Sergeant Casley, of No. 1 City Rifles, and is given in a contemporary as under:—At 400yds, 6 bull's eyes; at 500yds, 3 bull's eyes and 2 centres; and at 600yds, 2 bull's eyes, 2 centres, and 1 outer; making a total score of 54 out of a possible 60.

In Auckland (writes the *Evening Star*) a case of walking in sleep occurred a few evenings ago, which nearly resulted in fatal consequences. A little girl, who resides in Cook-street, and is subject to somnambulism, arose from her bed in the middle of the night, and while walking about the room, fell from the top to the bottom of a flight of stairs, striking her head heavily as she fell. The girl's face was very much bruised, and she was considerably shaken, but fortunately escaped without serious injury. Considering that she fell on her head, it is a matter of surprise that her neck was not broken.

A great many of the lower classes in Melbourne appear to think that their only duty as parents is to take care of their children until they have been weaned, and then, having made them look as miserable as possible, to turn them into the streets under the eye of a constable, who will take the urchins before a magistrate and have them sent to the Industrial Schools or the Training Ship. No less than five children, ranging from five to thirteen years of age, were brought before the City Bench on the 23rd ult. as neglected children; and of these, two, "who were bad boys entirely, and wants a flogging, yer worships—which nothing but sending 'em to the Training Ship'll take the wickedness out of 'em," were sent home with their parents, one was sent to the Industrial School, the father to pay a sum per week for its support, and the other two were remanded till next day for further enquiry about them.

The nomination for the election of a representative for the Taieri district in the Provincial Council, in the room of Mr A. J. Burns, took place on Monday, at East Taieri. Mr James Allan was proposed by Mr Todd, and seconded by Mr Jas. Cullen. Mr Henry Howorth, who was present, stated that he did not intend to contest the election with Mr Allan. No other candidate being proposed, the Returning Officer, after Mr Allan had addressed the electors present, declared him to be duly elected.—*Daily Times*.

Yesterday morning (says the Wellington Post of the 16th ult.), the police became possessed of the intelligence that John Handly, the man injured by a case falling on his head on board the Lord Ashley the previous day, had died at the Hospital. They at once took steps for holding an inquest, and in the afternoon the Coroner and a jury, accompanied by the guardians of the law, proceeded to the Hospital, and after the usual preliminary steps, went to view the body. The body, however, was found sitting up in bed alive and quite comfortable, and apparently quite surprised at the advent of such a number of visitors. On the object of the visit being explained, Handly said he was obliged for their prompt attention, but had no intention whatever to die at present. The Coroner and all his band of rude disciples took their departure rather chagriné. The *Advertiser* of the 17th is indignant at the Post for treating as an amusing joke the gross blunder which a number of our fellow-citizens were taken away from their ordinary avocations to sit in inquest on the corpse of a man who proved to be alive.

## The San Joaquin Tragedy.

## FIVE MEN MURDERED—GHASTLY SPECTACLE.

From the Stockton *Republican*, of December 11, we call the following account of the recent tragedy in that County:—

About two o'clock yesterday afternoon, information was received at the office of the Sheriff and Coroner of this city, that a wholesale murder of the most horrible description had been committed on Thursday night, off the old Mokelumne road, about two and a half miles above Fanning's, and but a short way from Douglass' place, near the Calaveras river, and distant from the city about twenty miles.

The butchery took place at the house of Frank Medina, an Italian, who has for some years past kept a store at the point above named. During the early part of Thursday evening persons passing the house heard considerable noise and confusion within, but presumed it was a drunken row, and no attempt was made to enter. Later in the night all became quiet, and no fears seemed to have been entertained that a horrible crime had been committed.

Yesterday morning, people in the vicinity saw no one astir about Medina's store. For a time no notice was taken of this, but as the morning wore away, and still no sign of life manifested itself about the premises, curiosity, and then suspicion, began to be felt, and at last it was resolved to visit the house, and ascertain the reason of the unusual quiet which prevailed.

Reaching the house, a scene of confusion presented itself. The contents of the store lay about the floor in a damaged and disordered condition, and the whole of the room gave evidence of contention and struggle. Still, while there was every indication that the place had recently been the scene of violence and outlawry, there was no blood, or bodies, dead or living, to be found.

It was not known what, or how many, persons had been in the store on the preceding evening, and a search was immediately begun, to discover, if possible, what had become of Medina and his clerk, both of whom were known to have been on the premises the evening before. A few minutes' search sufficed, for in the gulch, about 400 yards in the rear of the store, were found the bodies of five men piled up in a heap. They were the remains of F. Medina, the clerk, two Mexicans, and a coloured man. It is said that they had all been gagged, and had their hands tied behind them. Medina, his clerk, and the two Mexicans had been shot through the head, and the coloured man's throat was cut from ear to ear.

Soon after finding the bodies, a messenger was despatched to the city with the information, immediately upon the receipt of which Coroner Bond and two deputy sheriffs started for the scene of blood, the Coroner to hold an inquest on the bodies, and the officers to seek some clue to the perpetrators of this bloody tragedy.

There can be no reason assigned for this wholesale murder except that of robbery. Medina was robbed at the same place some years ago, and compelled by the robbers to promise not to take steps for their arrest, and it is more than probable that he has met his death at the hands of some, at least, of the same band who robbed him before. He has been engaged in trading at the scene of his death for several years, and was known to have saved a considerable sum of money.

Within a fortnight, two men were murdered in the night, and the house burned, on the Senora road, within twelve miles of the city; and now we have another tragedy, more bloody in character, but similar in execution and object. A few days since, a man convicted of stage robbery at Dos Anglos stated that there existed an organised band of robbers, whose field of operations extended from Yreka to San Diego. His statement was hardly credited at the time, but the many robberies and murders occurring from one end of the State to the other would seem to imply that he was telling truth.

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Frank Medina came to this county from Santa Cruz, and it is conjectured that he might have recognised some of the band who murdered him as old offenders and members of some of the organised bands of outlaws which existed, and probably still exist, in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties, and that after robbing they killed him to prevent exposure. It is also conjectured that the original intention was not to kill the five men, or any of them, and this is why they were found bound and gagged; but that during the progress of the robbery some one of the victims recognised one or more of the robbers, and unfortunately made known the fact; then, to prevent discovery, it was determined to murder the whole party. There are many of these theories offered, all of them more or less pro-

bable, but all wanting in evidence. The Coroner's inquest may have developed evidence furnishing the officers with a clue by which they may pursue the perpetrators of this bloody deed, and bring upon them a speedy expiation of their crimes.

The jury returned the following verdict:—"That the deceased came to their death on the evening of Thursday, December 9, 1869, by being shot by weapons in the hands of some person or persons to the jury unknown."

The body of F. Medina was brought to this city by the Coroner on Saturday, and interred in the Rural Cemetery yesterday. The remains of the clerk were taken by the friends of the deceased to Jenny Lind for burial, and were interred in the Catholic Cemetery at that place.

On Saturday, Sheriff Mills received tidings that Allard and McCoy were on the track of the murderers, and last evening we received further tidings directly from the party in chase of the villains, who believed they were on the right trail.

That the perpetrators of this bloody outrage may be speedily arrested and brought to justice is the ardent prayer of every good citizen; and it is to be hoped that Governor Haught will offer a reward sufficiently liberal to arouse the whole detective force of the State to the utmost vigilance in arresting the career of those lawless fiends.

## The Peerybingle Papers.

From the writings of John Peerybingle, in the *Melbourne Weekly Times*, we take the following:—

It's a beautiful sight to see a few people loving one another in this wicked world like the parsons do. They don't delight to bark and bite, like us common folks. When they have a row, it's all for love, bless you. When they quarrel, it's only because they're sorry for one another, and want to mortify their pride. When they sneer, they intend it as a pious lark; and when they get uncommon hasty, they mean it to be pleasant, if we properly understand 'em—for we all know how they *love one another*. I can't help saying, when I read in the papers how they go on at their meetings—I can't help saying, as the comic American said, "Why these weeps?" or rather, if I may make so bold, "What's the meaning of this pious corroboree, where one loving brother knocks another loving brother on the head with a Low Church waddy; and where another smites yet another with a High Church boomerang?" They tell me that when a young blackfellow goes courting a black sweetheart, and when the old man father-in-law that is to be asks if his intentions are strictly honorable, he answers the question in the poetical manner of his countrymen, by chevying her round the gum trees, and knocking the blushing young gin down with his waddy (thereby cracking her crown), instead of sending her a valentine with the portrait of a bullock's heart in the centre of it, stuck through with soldiers' bayonets. That's their way of saying, "Sweetness, I love you—be good enough to let us love one another." It must be the same with the parsons. Or perhaps I ought to put it differently, and say with the parsons and their pet elders and admirers. The other day at the General Assembly one of these pets from Ballarat knocked his parson down with the Low Church waddy aforesaid, and tried to make out that he was rather "Romish." Then the parson shied a High Church boomerang at his head, and he knocked under, with the observation that "he'd been carried away by the excitement of the moment, and had uttered more than he meant." This excitable utterer of more than he meant was a Mr Wallaston. I wonder how many of these prize members of Church Assemblies, and able-bodied Christians, get excited and utter more than they mean! If I was to utter more than I mean on the rank, some other carrier, as sure as a gun, would make it his business to try and punch my head, so as to keep my tongue in better order. Such is life!

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## Terrible Mining Accident in Victoria.

(*Tarrangower Times*.)

We cannot, with justice to ourselves, to those more particularly concerned, or to our readers in general, make any comment upon the late dreadful accident in this issue, but we shall do so in our next. In our last issue we gave, necessarily, a very brief outline of the late accident, and we here give the full particulars. At 7 a.m. on Friday, John W. Richards, Charles Cornish, Thomas Cocking, Thomas Wilson, William Andrews, and John Oates, got into the skip of the North Block Tribune Company. Tamlyn, the driver, in reply to a query from Cornish, "Is it all ready?" replied "All right," and commenced to lower away. For the first two or three revolutions, the skip descended at the usual speed, when suddenly the engine got out of gear. Mr Thomas Goyne was looking at the descending skip, and saw it suddenly going down at a fearful rate. He at the same time heard Tamlyn exclaim, "My God, they're off!" and instantly saw Tamlyn heaving with all his might against the break. Goyne rushed in, and lent his energies to help the driver, and they were in sufficient time to stop the engine when within about 30ft of the bottom. Andrews and Oates were in the tank or skip, and the others were standing on the edge and holding on by the rope. Most certainly, soon after the engine got "out of gear" the four deceased lost their breath and their hold. They were found in various parts of the shaft, as each had to succumb. All were dead and mutilated, with the exception of Andrews and Oates, who were unharmed, and may for ever thank the Deity that they were not killed. After an enquiry which lasted two days, the jury, on three hours' deliberation, returned a verdict of "Manslaughter" against Mr Tamlyn. Mr Tamlyn was then asked if he had any thing to say, and replied in the negative. The coroner then duly committed him to take his trial for manslaughter. Bail was offered and accepted.

## Proposed Exportation of Quartz Tailings.

On the important question of "Will quartz tailings pay for working?" the *Bundiglo Advertiser* says:—"Looking at the large quantities of tailings which are spread over the district, the solution of this question becomes of very great importance; and we have frequently wondered that in the present day of discoveries in chemistry no successful experiment has been made to prove whether quartz tailings will pay for washing. It appears, however, that the subject, which has been neglected in the colonies, is likely to receive attention in the hands of scientific men in England. We understand that Messrs L. M. Pherson & Co., of this town, have received a commission from some capitalists in London to forward about half-a-dozen samples of tailings, of about one hundred weight each, to London. These will be subjected to a careful analysis by one of the best chemists and metallurgists in England; and should gold be found in payable quantities, we understand a company will be formed in England to purchase all that is available in this district. In the event of the experimental trial being successful—and we have little doubt of it—the company purpose to adopt either the course of sending the tailings to England as ballast in home-going vessels, or to erect machinery and plant here for the purpose of working them. Looking at the trial that is about to be made only in the light of an experiment, it is a subject for congratulation that the machine-owners in the district will have the question properly solved without incurring any expense."

## DUNEDIN RACES.

The following are the weights, &c., for the Dunedin Jockey Club Races, which take place on the 24th and 25th inst.:—

## HANDICAP TROTTING RACE.

Magic, aged	...	...	Scratch
Ranger, aged	...	350 yds	
Straggler, 6 yrs	...	550 yds	

## DUNEDIN HANDICAP.

Knottingley, 6 yrs	...	11 4
Wild Boy, 5 yrs	...	9 12
Miss Flat, 5 yrs	...	9 6

## HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.

Don Pedro, aged	...	11 4
Star of the South, 6 yrs	...	11 0
Banjo, aged	...	11 0

Musician, aged	...	8 4
Lady Ellen, aged	...	8 2
Banjo, aged	...	8 2

Southern Chief, 4 yrs	...	7 12
Captain Scott, 5 yrs	...	7 10

Novice, 4 yrs	...	7 3
Arundel, 3 yrs	...	6 12

Waterwitch, 3 yrs	...	6 5
Hard Times, 3 yrs	...	5 10

Captain Cook, 3 yrs	...	6 10
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T. J. EDWARDS	11 4
W. H. TAGGART	10 5
ARTHUR SMITH	9 15

T. J. EDWARDS	9 2
W. H. TAGGART	6 10
ARTHUR SMITH	6 10

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THIS DAY,  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1870,  
At 12 o'clock sharp.

At Goodger's Yards, Cromwell.  
CATTLE! CATTLE!

M R GEORGE FACHE has been favoured with instructions from Henry Campbell, Esq., of the Wanaka Station, to sell by public auction, at Goodger's Cattle Yards, Cromwell, on the above date, in lots to suit purchasers, a Mob of very

PRIME CATTLE,  
COMPRISING:

20 PRIME FAT BULLOCKS, very quiet  
One Team of  
10 WORKING BULLOCKS, with Bows,  
Yokes, Chains, Dray, &c.

GEORGE FACHE,  
Auctioneer.

FOR SALE,  
A SIXTH SHARE in CLAIM NO. 2 EAST  
COLCLOUGH'S REEF. The reef can  
be prospected by intending purchasers if desired.  
Prospects good.

Further information can be obtained from J. HARRIS, at the claim, or at the office of this paper.

NOTICE  
POISON for DOGS has been laid on the  
ARDGOUR STATION.

JOHN M. MCLEAN.

FOR SALE  
A NUMBER OF SHARES in QUARTZ  
REEFS at Bendigo Gully and Carrick  
Ranges, Shares in Water Races, Freehold Properties, &c., &c.

For particulars apply to  
R. F. BADGER,  
Mining and Estate Agent,  
Melmore-street.

SUNDAY MAGAZINE, 1869,  
(BY GUTHRIE);

Good Words for the Young, 1869

Ex "Warrior Queen,"

At REITH & WILKIE'S,  
Booksellers and Stationers,  
DUNEDIN.

For List of Books, see Witness.

### New Advertisements.

WILL BE CLASSIFIED IN OUR NEXT.

THURSDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1870,  
At 2 o'clock.

CROMWELL COAL-PIT!

Absolute and Unreserved Sale.

W. JACKSON BARRY has received positive instructions to sell, without any reserve, at his Mart, on the above date, that VALUABLE PROPERTY, known as the

CROMWELL COAL-PIT.

Now in full working order.

Together with all the GEAR, WORKING PLANT, HORSES and CARTS.

The excellence of this Property is so well known that the Auctioneer deems the mere mentioning of it quite a sufficient guarantee. The pit is in full working order; the demand for the coal is extensive and increasing; and to a small capitalist or party of working miners, no better or safer investment can present itself.

£500 has been recently expended upon the pumping apparatus, and in improving the pit, so that no outlay is required.

The property is only sold to close partnership accounts.

TERMS EASY.

For title, and other particulars, apply to  
Mr H. MANDERS,  
Cromwell and Queenstown.

BURTON BROTHERS'

PHOTOGRAPHIC TOUR.

ALFRED H. BURTON respectfully announces his return to Cromwell, and that he is now prepared to execute commissions both in Portraiture and Landscape.

SMITHAM'S KAWARAU HOTEL,  
March 18th, 1870.

### New Advertisements.

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WANTED, for a Station, a MARRIED COUPLE; husband to act as Shepherd, wife to cook at home station.

Apply, personally or by letter, to Mr H. S. THOMSON, Wanaka, West.

K I D D'S H A L L ,  
CROMWELL

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,

March 25 and 26.

MISS DOLLY GREEN  
In her celebrated Entertainment,  
"THE SEVEN AGES OF WOMAN."

Assisted by the well-known and favourite VIOLINIST,

M O N S. F L E U R Y ,  
And Mr MILBURN, Pianist, of Clyde.

Admission: Front Seats, 4s ; Back Seats, 2s 6d.

At Arrowtown,  
THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING, AND TO-  
MORROW (THURSDAY.)

TENDERS.

TENDERS are invited for SINKING  
a FIFTY FEET SHAFT in the Elizabeth  
Company's claim, Smith's Gully, Carrick Range.  
Specifications to be seen on application to Mr  
TALBOYS, London House; or to Mr TOWAN,  
Grove Farm, Cromwell, where tenders may be  
sent.

Tenders to be sent in not later than four  
o'clock on SATURDAY, 26th instant. The  
lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JOHN TOWAN,

Secretary.

Cromwell, March 21st, 1870.

B A L L .

AT the conclusion of the performance on

FRIDAY EVENING,

A BALL will take place in the large hall of the

Cromwell Hotel.

Double Tickets.....3s.

M O N S. F L E U R Y ' S BAND.

ROYAL STANDARD REEF,  
CARRICK RANGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applica-  
tion will be made to the Warden in accor-  
dance with Section 2 of Regulation VIII. of the  
Gold-fields Rules, and Regulations, 1868, for a  
grant of 2400 feet by 200 feet as a prospecting  
claim for the above reef; and that the said ap-  
plication will be heard in the Warden's Court at  
Cromwell on Wednesday, the 30th day of March  
1870.

Names of applicants:—  
ROBERT ELLIOT DAGG.  
IGNATIUS LOUGHNAN.  
EDWIN JONES.  
JOHN ALVES.

ROBERT A. LOUGHNAN.  
WILLIAM SHANLY.  
JOHN FRANCIS.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 1870.

Elizabeth Reef, Smith's Gully  
(CARRICK RANGE).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applica-  
tion will be made to the Warden in accor-  
dance with Section 3 of Regulation VIII. of the  
Gold-fields Rules and Regulations, 1870, for a  
grant of 1200 feet by 300 feet as a prospecting  
claim for the above reef; and that the said ap-  
plication will be heard in the Warden's Court, Cromwell, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1870.

Names of Applicants:—  
JOHN TOWAN.  
PHILIP GRAVES.  
GEORGE REDHEAD.  
CHARLES WILLS.  
GEORGE WALKER.  
WILLIAM TALBOYS.

Dated the 22nd day of March, 1870.

To Miners and Others.

FOR SALE, a SIXTH SHARE in BRUCE  
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Smith's Gully, Bannockburn. The claim is in  
good working order, with all requisite appliances  
complete.

For further particulars apply to

GEORGE ROBERTSON,

At the Claim.

### Cromwell Post Office.

MAILS CLOSE:

For Clyde, Dunedin, and intervening offices, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 3 p.m.  
For Dunedin, via Teviot, Tuapeka, and Tokomairiro, every Tuesday, at 3 p.m.

For Kawarau Gorge, Edwards's, Gibbstown, Arrow River, Frankton and Queenstown, every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 9 p.m.  
For Rocky Point, Luggett, Albert Town, and Cardrona, every Tuesday, at 9 p.m.  
For Bannockburn and Nevis, every alternate Monday, at 9 a.m.

MAILS ARRIVE:

From Dunedin, via Tokomairiro, Tuapeka, and Teviot, every Friday, at 9 a.m.  
From Queenstown, Frankton, Arrow River, Edwards's, Gibbstown, and Kawarau Gorge, every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 3 p.m.

From Cardrona, Albert Town, Luggett, and Rocky Point, every Thursday, at 3 p.m.  
From Nevis and Bannockburn, every alternate Wednesday, at 3 p.m.

SAVINGS BANK AND MONEY ORDER OFFICE.

Open for the transaction of Money Order and Savings Bank business daily, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TELEGRAPH NOTICE.

The Telegraph Office is open to the public on week days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sundays from 10 to 10.30 a.m., and from 5 to 5.30 p.m., New Zealand mean time.

J. REEKIE, Postmaster.

### COMMERCIAL.

ARGUS OFFICE,

Tuesday afternoon.  
Business during the week has maintained its usual average, a fair demand existing for general goods.

Flour and Produce.—Our remarks of last week apply to these.

Cartage from Dunedin has slightly advanced, and may now be quoted at £8 10s. Our quotations are as follows:—

Flour (Robertson & Hallenstein's).—£16 to £17 10s per ton.

Pollard do. do. £12 per ton.

Bran, do. do. £9 per ton.

Oats.—6s per bushel.

Wheat.—7s 6d per bushel.

Chaff.—£10 per ton.

Hay.—£10 "

Straw.—£7 "

Potatoes.—£12 "

Bread.—1s per 4lb loaf.

Butter.—2s per lb.

Cheese.—1s 6d "

Bacon.—1s 6d "

Ham.—1s 3d "

Eggs.—2s per dozen.

Kerosene.—4s 6d per gallon.

Candles.—1s 3d per lb.

Mutton.—4d to 6d.

Beef.—7d and 8d.

Lignite.—3s. per ton.

Firewood (scrub), £4 per load.

Cartage from Dunedin.—£8 10

BIRTH:

On the 18th instant, at Kawarau Gorge, the wife of Mr WILLIAM ANDERSON, of a son.

THE

**Cromwell Argus.**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1870.

The approaching meeting of the Provincial Council claims the serious attention of the residents of this district. The revenue will be found to be, we believe, in a very promising condition, and the Estimates will probably be framed with unusual liberality.

It is a matter of regret that what should be the local mouthpiece of the district should continue to be in a disorganized state, and prefer to indulge in personal contentions rather than in advancing the interests of the community. Yet we never so much required some authority to communicate to Government and the local member the several wants and requirements of this district. This arises from the fact that Cromwell has not obtained that amount of attention in the past that it has deserved, or as Mr PYKE puts it in his correspondence as to the position of Cromwell, "I do not mean Cromwell is important now; its greatness lies in the future." And the Government were only too glad to adopt the idea. A part of that greatness has, however, come to pass, and we are now in a position to appeal to the Council with a prestige that would lead to attention being paid to any representations made.

Such being, then, the state of the case, we urge upon the people of the several parts of this district to communicate their wants without loss of time to the Government, and take care that the sitting member is furnished also with a schedule of them, with instructions to look after them. We cannot enumerate all the requirements of the district. The Nevis has

been complaining, and asking for one or two things lately; at the Bendigo gold-field several works are required to be executed; Cromwell is still without Government offices; and a portion of the main road unmade, and so on. We do not see why a public company that would supply the town with water should not have a similar grant of interest guaranteed to it as the Dunedin Waterworks Company obtained.

Besides these mere local requirements, there are several subjects of general importance to consider. First in rank is the water supply question, and the Council will no doubt give considerable attention to the matter. A survey of the district with datum pegs fixed here and there, showing levels, would, if nothing else could be obtained at present, be valuable in many

instances. An expression of opinion as to the several requirements of each place becomes a subject of local consideration, and we should be glad to see the several portions of the district speaking out on the subject. A system of prospecting yet requires to be initiated, but no sound plan has yet been adopted. The attention of the Council might, however, be directed safely to the subject; and they might be asked to erect in this district a quartz-crushing machine, at which trial crushings from reefs could be made. It would not be necessary always to keep in work such an incentive to prospecting, as when the time arrived that its useful career was over, it could easily be sold. They already have a machine, we believe, in Dunedin. Of course we only throw this out as a suggestion. The re-adjustment of the Electoral boundary, whereby the district might obtain a member of its own, is a matter of considerable importance. The subject of the punts on the Kawarau, and the substitution of free punts or bridges, has occupied attention during the time that has elapsed since the last annual meeting of the Council. This district does not immediately suffer from ferry charges, which are necessarily heavy to remunerate the proprietors for their large outlay, and the case is more for the consideration of our Lake neighbours. We mention it here because the topic has been so frequently alluded to. We have thus glanced at a few of the local requirements and some of the more important of the general ones, and must leave the district generally to more fully supplement them. We have performed our duty in calling attention to the value of doing something promptly, and alluding to any defects of organisation or want of mouthpieces. We hope to see local bodies formed, and meetings held, and will give them every publicity and encouragement in our power.

In a political sense, the meeting of the Council is no less opportune. Some way will be found to allude to the costly manner in which the war has been conducted in the North Island; to the approaching meeting of the Assembly; to the necessity of repealing the Hundreds' Act, so universally condemned; and other subjects commented upon from time to time. The increasing expenditure upon Dunedin projects and Dunedin buildings is an alarming matter; and upon all these subjects, as well as the obtaining a separate member, the district should express its views. The residents have apparently got accustomed to indulge in a kind of political "Rip Van Winkle" sleep, but we must hope that now that they possess a credited organ such as the Argus to make their views known, they will shake off the torpor, and, like honest colonists, hold opinions and take care to express them.

We see no better occasion for eliciting something like a sense of the situation, than the customary meetings between the member and his constituents.

Probably on the Hundreds Question Mr FRASER will be found to hold the unpopular view, which goes in for free selection and deferred payments under the Gold-fields Act. But that is no reason why such meetings should not be held.



## ALEXANDRA

ROYAL MAIL HOTEL,  
ALEXANDRA,

J. H. MASON PROPRIETOR.

Wines and Spirits of the best description.

Every accommodation for Travellers.

Good Stabling, and Loose Boxes.

One of Alcock and Co.'s full-sized BILLIARD TABLES.

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Livery and Bait Stables.—Loose Boxes, Coach-house, &c.

FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE.

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N EVIS CROSSING HOTEL AND STORE,

(About five miles from the Nevis Township).

The undersigned, in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him since commencing business, begs to intimate that he continues to keep a large and well-selected stock of SPIRITS, WINES, and GROCERIES of the very best description.

Goods regularly delivered throughout the surrounding district.

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An experienced Baker kept on the premises.

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Wines and Spirits of the best description.

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BILLIARDS.

WHITE HART HOTEL,  
KAWARAU GORGE.

(On the Main Road to Queenstown).

THOMAS HERON, PROPRIETOR.

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## BANNOCKBURN

## The Border Heroine.

## A TALE OF EARLY LIFE IN ARKANSAS.

Some years ago, before the State of Arkansas was so densely populated as it now is, and when the mails from Little Rock to the eastern borders were carried on horseback, there lived a few miles above Horsehead a stout pioneer named Jacob Burnap. His wife Polly, and one child, nine years old, made up his family. His chief business was hunting, and his unerring rifle never failed to supply his board, and something over. His nearest neighbor was fifteen miles off, so he was little troubled with prying visitors.

It was in the early spring that Jacob started down the river with a boat-load of furs and skins. He left Polly in charge of the premises; and he left with her, too, a light rifle and a brace of pistols. She knew how to use the rifle, for never was she happier than when her husband patted her on the shoulder and said—"Nobly done, Polly; my dear; I could not have made a better shot myself."

And he had occasion to say this with truth, too.

Jacob Burnap had been gone four days, when, towards evening, a horseman rode up to the hunter's door. He was a small, muscular man, some forty years of age, and seemed inured to all hardships. As he sprang from his saddle, Polly made her appearance.

"Ah, Polly!—once more here," said the new-comer, as he drew a well-filled pair of saddle-bags from the back of his fatigued beast.

"Yes, and I'm glad to see you. Jacob has been gone four days, and time is getting heavy."

"Jacob gone!—where?"

"Down the river with a load of furs."

"Oh, yes. Well, you shall have the company of Lant Morton for one night at least; so for the next twelve hours you'll be safe."

"Oh, I feel quite safe," returned Polly, quickly—"only a little lonesome."

Thus speaking, Morton threw his saddle-bags into the cabin, and led his horse round to a low shed, where he made the animal fast and fed him.

After this he returned to the dwelling and entered, and was soon discussing the events of the time over an ample supper.

His hostess had told him all that had transpired in the neighborhood since his last visit, and the visitor gave her all the news of the Eastern Valley. Lant Morton had been mail-carrier upon that route for several years, and not once had he passed to and fro without spending a night at Jacob Burnap's. In fact, he was about the only regular visitor at the hunter's cabin; and although the intervals between his visits were long, yet he seemed almost a fixture to the place. Polly Burnap, just in the bloom of womanhood, knew his gentle, generous, and noble character; so she felt perfectly free and at home in his presence.

"Is it not known on the route that your load is valuable?" asked Polly.

"I think not—though it may be. Still, I am well armed, and I fancy it would be a tough job for any one to tackle old Morton."

"A man was robbed on the creek a few days ago."

"And the robbers have fled," added Morton carelessly, as he threw his mail bags after him.

Morton went to bed at nine o'clock, as he was tired from his long ride. Polly had work to do, having neglected it while talking to her guest; so when she had seen him safe at rest, she drew her basket to a little table where the candle was, and went to work upon some clothing for her child, who was soundly sleeping in a corner.

The old German clock upon the wall, with its great weight and wind strings all exposed, had struck ten ere Polly rose from her work. She had just pushed the basket beneath the table when the front door opened and two men entered. They were in their stockings, their shoes having been left outside.

"Hush!" uttered the foremost intruder.

"Speak but one word above a whisper, and you die in a moment!"

Polly recovered from her quick terror, and looked up. She saw two stout, wicked, ugly-looking men, one of whom held a cocked pistol towards her. With a quickness of perception natural to her, she knew the pistol would not be fired if she held her peace, as that would make more noise than she could make; and further, she recognised in the foremost a notorious villain, who bore the name of Dick Gallus.

She had never seen him before; but the minute description her husband had given of the man, led her to know him—and positively, too, for one big scar on the left cheek was mark enough.

"What do you want?" asked Polly, without betraying the least fear.

"We have come to see the mail carrier," one replied in a hoarse whisper: "where is he? Don't speak too loud."

"He is long since asleep. Would it not do as well to see him in the morning?"

The fair hostess had said this for the purpose of gaining time. She knew very well that these men had come to rob the carrier, and was equally sure they would murder him if they could, and would in all probability put her out of the way as

well. They had evidently learnt the valuable load he carried, and meant to carry it in his stead.

"Never mind his being asleep. Show us where he is at once," roughly replied Gallus in answer to Polly's last remark.

"But I can call him, good sirs," reasoned the woman, calmly, though there was alarm in her soul.

"Call him!—call him!" growled the ruffian, with a fierce oath. "You call him, and you will be called to another world! Quick!—show us the way!"

The mild eye that could aim a bullet at the forest beast did not even betray the thoughts of the woman's soul, nor did a look betray her meaning. She was very pale, but did not tremble.

"This way, sirs," she whispered.

And as she spoke she turned towards a side-door. She did not open it till both were close behind her.

"Don't you hear him breath?"

"Yes," returned both villains.

And they did hear a breathing, but it was of a child close at hand.

As they thus answered her, she threw the door open—it opened inward. The men saw a dark void, but they pressed forward. In an instant Polly Burnap leapt back. Gallus was in front. With all her power, the noble woman threw herself against the rear man, and the next moment both the robbers lay sprawling on the cellar bottom.

This had been the door opening to the deep excavation, and the only means of egress was by a perpendicular ladder. Could this have been moved, Polly would have pulled it up immediately; but it was spiked to its place, and she must let it remain.

To close the door would be useless, for she had not ready means to fasten it. So she did what she had resolved upon from the first; she sprang to the fire-place, and caught the trusty rifle, and cocking it, she moved towards the open door. She heard the curses of the villains as they reached the ladder; and she soon knew that one of them had found it.

"Back!" she cried, as she saw a head above the threshold.

The candle upon the table threw but a dim light upon the spot; but it was sufficient. She saw the robber raise a pistol. She had a husband—a child—and had set herself to save the carrier. With these thoughts dashing through her mind she pulled the trigger. A sharp report went ringing through the house, and its echo was a deep groan from the cellar bottom.

Ere the second robber could show himself, Morton came rushing into the room with a pistol in each hand.

"What is it?" he cried.

"There—there!" gasped Polly, pointing to the doorway, where a savage-looking face had just presented itself.

Lant Morton had been too much used to danger to waste time in conjecture, and immediately shot the villain dead, who fell with a heavy sound upon the floor of the cellar.

"Are there any more?" he asked, cocking his pistol.

"And so you meant to save me?" remarked the carrier, as Polly hesitated.

"Yes, yes—I did. Yes, that was it."

And as soon as the noble woman had sufficiently recovered, she told him the whole story.

Morton expressed his thoughts as best he could; but, after all, the moisture of his light eye, the changing of his countenance, and the very lack of language, told her more than words could have done.

After due deliberation, it was decided that the bodies should remain there until morning. So the cellar door was shut, the front door bolted, and they prepared to retire; but for the rest of the night Morton made his bed upon the floor of the large room.

In the morning, just as the carrier was dressed, there was a rap at the door, accompanied by a voice he knew full well.

He hastened to open the door, and gave entrance to Jacob Burnap. The hunter had met a party of traders at Lewisburg,

and disposed of all his skins to them, thus finishing his journey six days earlier than he had anticipated.

Polly was soon upon her husband's bosom; and when he had told them his own story, Morton gave him the adventure. Jacob was at first incredulous; but when he had seen the bodies he was satisfied.

"Polly, my jewel," he said, placing his arm around her neck, "I am proud of you, I love you more and more, for every day I find more to love." And then, turning to Morton, he added, "What do you think of such a wife?"

"Ah!" returned the guest with deep feeling, "if poor Lant Morton had such a wife, he wouldn't be a mail carrier."

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## The Cocos Island Treasure.

AN IMMENSE DEPOSIT OF SILVER FOUND AT LAST.—10,000,000 DOLS. OF BURIED SPECIE BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

[New York Sun.]

Our Panama correspondent writes as follows:—Your readers will remember the story concerning \$10,000,000 in silver buried on Cocos Island, which was started in San Francisco ten years ago, and has been probably published in every country newspaper published in the United States. The tale was that a doctor in San Francisco was one night called to the bedside of a sick and poverty-stricken sailor. The doctor watched over him carefully, and made and paid for all his own prescriptions. In spite of all his precautions the sailor grew worse, and at last the doctor told him he must die. The man was deeply affected, and wept bitterly. Death came over him slowly but surely.

On his dying bed, with tears in his eyes, he thanked the doctor for all his kindness, and said that he could and would repay him for all his trouble. In a few short breaths he told him that in his younger days he had been a pirate. With twenty companions he had shipped at Callao on a Spanish treasure-ship, bound to Cadiz. When five days out they rose and butchered the officers and passengers, after which the course of the vessel was changed due west. Three weeks afterwards, during a drunken carousal, the ship ran upon a reef of rocks, fringing an island in the Pacific, and before morning eight of the buccaneers were drowned.

At the break of day the remainder reached the shore in boats, and found the island fertile and pleasant.

After three days' hard work they succeeded in bringing the kegs of silver to the shore, where they buried them. The treasure amounted to over \$10,000,000.

As water was scarce, and the provisions on the wreck were totally damaged, the twelve pirates took to their boats, and steered for the coast of South America. Nothing was ever heard of one of the boats, and it was probably swamped in a great storm which occurred three days after they had left the island.

The provisions in the other boat soon gave out, and the men gradually became delirious for want of sustenance.

Two jumped overboard, and were drowned.

One of their companions died in the boat, and a fourth was killed by his comrades, who drank his blood. After drifting under a burning sun for two weeks, the survivors were picked up by a passing vessel.

One of them died on the following day, and the other lived to tell his story to many incredulous listeners, and to seek in vain for the means to return to the island. He was now about to end a life of disappointment in death.

At the conclusion of his story, the dying sailor drew from under his bolster a roll of papers, giving the latitude and longitude of the island as near as possible, and handed them to the doctor; but before the physician could examine them, the old sailor died.

The mutiny occurred during the Peruvian revolution against Spain, and the sailor died in San Francisco some thirteen years ago.

A careful study of the chart located the island in the vicinity of Cocos. The doctor embarked in the scheme with all his wealth, rigged out a schooner, and sailed from San Francisco in search of the treasure. He returned a ruined man, unable to discover the island. Other expeditions were fitted out, but none were successful.

In July, 1868, several gentlemen in this city bought a schooner and fitted out an expedition.

They left in high spirits, with complete charts, and seemed confident of success.

The most of the party were old Californians, and were used to a life of adventure.

Among the party was one George Cummins, a man of large experience, who had accompanied one of the previous expeditions.

They reached the island after fifty-six days' navigation, thoroughly worn-out and disgusted.

They spent nineteen days there, vainly looking for the hidden riches, and then gave up the hunt as entirely Utopian.

Setting sail for Panama, they finally brought up in La Union, whence Cummins came up to this city with news of their blasted hopes.

It was thought that the failure of this expedition would put an end to all attempts to recover the specie. This was not the case.

Last winter some of the superstitious and wealthy citizens of Costa Rica began to agitate the subject anew.

A company was organised; composed of some of the prominent Government officials.

The matter was brought before the Costa Rican Congress, and, after an investigation, they authorised the purchase of several shares of the stock on Government account.

A large majority of the members of the new expedition were soldiers, probably sent to look after the interests of the Government.

A priest was sent to look out for their spiritual welfare.

They left Costa Rica in June last.

Nothing has been heard of them until yesterday, when a letter was received from one of the party by a friend in this city, containing intelligence of the discovery of the treasure.

The letter states that all the treasure has not as yet been obtained, and therefore no estimate of its value can be given.

The greater part of that which has already been dug out is in silver, the

most of it Spanish dollars.

## Mining News.

VICTORIA.

Nuggets continue to turn up at Berlin. On the 16th February (reports the *Advertiser*), a fine piece of gold, weighing 76oz., was sold to the Bank of New South Wales by a party of three Chinamen.

A tin lode has been discovered half a mile from Beechworth, being the first discovery of this mineral in the colony. The tin is distinctly visible in the stone, but the ground has not been sufficiently tested yet. It is, however, likely to pay.

Some excitement was caused on the 11th February, at the Bank of Australasia, Smythesdale, where was exhibited a nugget found at the Perseverance claim, Pittfield Plains. The nugget weighs in the gross 116oz 17dwt 12gr, and there is only about 4oz of stone in it.

TASMANIA.

Tasmania evidently doesn't despair of having a gold-field yet. "A man named Thomas Adams," says the *Cornwall Chronicle*, "arrived in town on Saturday, bringing news of the discovery of rich alluvial diggings by a man named Alexander Jeffries, and another at Back Creek, Piper's River, about thirty-seven miles from Launceston. The discoverers have registered their claims. There has been a general rush, and claims are being pegged out rapidly.

A shaft about twenty feet deep has been sunk, and gold in payable quantities has been found, yielding half an ounce to the load. Some of the gold may be seen at Mr Gunn's office. Several gentlemen started on Saturday for the scene of operations, and there is every prospect that a payable alluvial diggings has been discovered.

Mr Seymour Spiller arrived in town from Piper's River last evening, and reports that quite a rush has taken

place to that locality, twenty-five men

being now upon the ground.

He informs us that the prospectors' claim, the Nil Desperandum, was discovered about three weeks ago by Messrs Berry and Jeffries, and that from the appearance of the pro-

spectors' claim there is every probability

that a deep and rich lead has been dis-

covered. He showed us sample of rough

rich-coloured gold-dust which was washed

out in his presence from five spadesful of

stuff. It is bright-coloured gold, worth

about £3 18s per ounce, and the estimated

yield is one ounce to the load. The spot is

described by Mr Spiller as four miles

north-west from Jones's farm at Piper's

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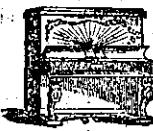
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